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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMBOFF CALLED ON MINISTRY FOREIGN AF-
FAIRS (MFA) REP PENSA (DIRECTOR, MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS)
JANUARY 17 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING UN SEC GEN APPOINTMENT OF
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DIRECTOR OF NEWLY ORGANIZED MNC INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

WITHIN UN SECRETARIAT. PENSA SAID MFA NOT RPT NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE THAT SOMAVIA MIGHT BE NAMED DIRECTOR DUE LACK OTHER SUITABLE CANDIDATES AND WILL WANT DISCUSS SITUATION WITH OTHER EC COUNTRIES BEFORE DECIDING ON COURSE OF ACTION.

2. PENSA AGREED THAT SOMAVIA NOT ESPECIALLY SUITABLE CANDIDATE BUT EMPHASIZED THAT, BECAUSE OF PRESENT DELICATE STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND CHILE, GOI COULD NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO BE OPPOSING A CHILEAN FOR THIS POSITION. HE HAD NO REACTION TO ANY OF NAMES LISTED PARA (3) REFTEL, AS ALL WERE UNKNOWN TO HIM, BUT SUGGESTED THAT PROF. SPERDUTI OF UNIVERSITY OF ROME (PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WHOSE SPECIAL INTEREST HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN MNCS AND WHO HAS BEEN A PART-TIME MEMBER OF GOI DELEGATION TO UN ON MNC MATTERS) MIGHT BE SUITABLE ALTERNATE CANDIDATE. PENSA SAID HE BELIEVES SPERDUTI WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE POSITION.

3. IN CLOSING, EMBOFF EMPHASIZED NEED TO PUT FORWARD SUITABLE ALTERNATE CANDIDATE ASAP AND URGED EXPEDITIOUS CONSULTATIONS WITH ITALY'S EC PARTNERS. PENSA PROMISED PROVIDE FURTHER GOI VIEWS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. VOLPE

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